



## **Behavioral Health Consortium**

### *Meeting Minutes*

Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

1:00-3:00P

Delaware Public Archives

#### **I. Call to order**

Lt. Governor Hall-Long called to order the 8th regular meeting of Behavioral Health Consortium at 1:04P at Delaware Public Archives

#### **II. Roll call**

Lt. Governor Hall-Long conducted the roll call. The following Consortium members were present: Dr. Avani Virani; Ms. Becky King; Ms. Elizabeth Romero; Dr. Karly Rattay; Mr. David Humes; Dr. Jennifer Graber (proxy); Ms. Jennifer Seo (proxy); Ms. Cheryl Doucette; Dr. Traci Bolander (proxy); Dr. Sandy Gibney; Dr. Joshua Thomas; Ms. Tamera Fair; Ms. Susan Cycyk; Sen. Stephanie Hansen (proxy); Rep. David Bentz; Dr. James Ellison; Ms. Carolyn Petrak; Mr. Jim Martin.

Members absent: Dr. Michele Marinucci; Mr. Wayne Kline; Mr. Michael Bryson;

#### **III. Story of Recovery**

David Humes, a Consortium member and individual in long-term recovery, shared his personal story and the impact addiction has had on his life.

#### **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

#### **V. Delaware Addiction Project**

Drs. Varudhini Reddy and Pranesh Patel, current Delaware Psychiatric Center (DPC) residents, presented the Delaware Addiction Project (Project). The Project is a non-

profit that aims to educate on both harm-reduction measures and the need to reduce stigma for persons with a substance use disorder.

## **VI. Project Purple**

Lisa Coldiron, of the Sussex County Health Coalition, presented on Project Purple. She informed the Consortium that Project Purple, which is an education and awareness campaign for both opioid and substance use disorder, would formally launch on September 11, 2018 in Seaford. Lisa informed the group that the Sussex County Health Coalition has identified geographic partners and hope to continue to scale the initiative to ensure a comprehensive, statewide awareness campaign be set in place.

## **VII. Committee Update & Meeting Schedule**

Lt. Governor Hall-Long provided an update on committee structure and indicated that some Committee's will begin meeting within the next few weeks. The Lt. Governor encouraged co-chairs to present any brief updates on their committee work.

## **VIII. Consortium Funding Discussion**

The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that the 5Million USD additional appropriation by the General Assembly would be going through a specific process that is to be determined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Moreover, 2Million USD has been earmarked for the Delaware Health Information Network, which will be a collaborative partner on the Consortium's Data & Policy Committee. The Lt. Governor informed the Consortium that the remaining 3Million USD would be allocated to first year priorities, as outlined in the Consortium report. The Lt. Governor closed with ensuring Consortium members that a final decision on specific appropriates have not been made and the Consortium will be able to provide feedback accordingly.

## **IX. Public Comment**

Members of the public gave comments brought forth on any issues that needed immediate attention.

## **X. Conclusion and Next Meeting**

The next Consortium meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25th from 1-3P, location to be determined.

The Consortium meeting adjourned at 2:56P.